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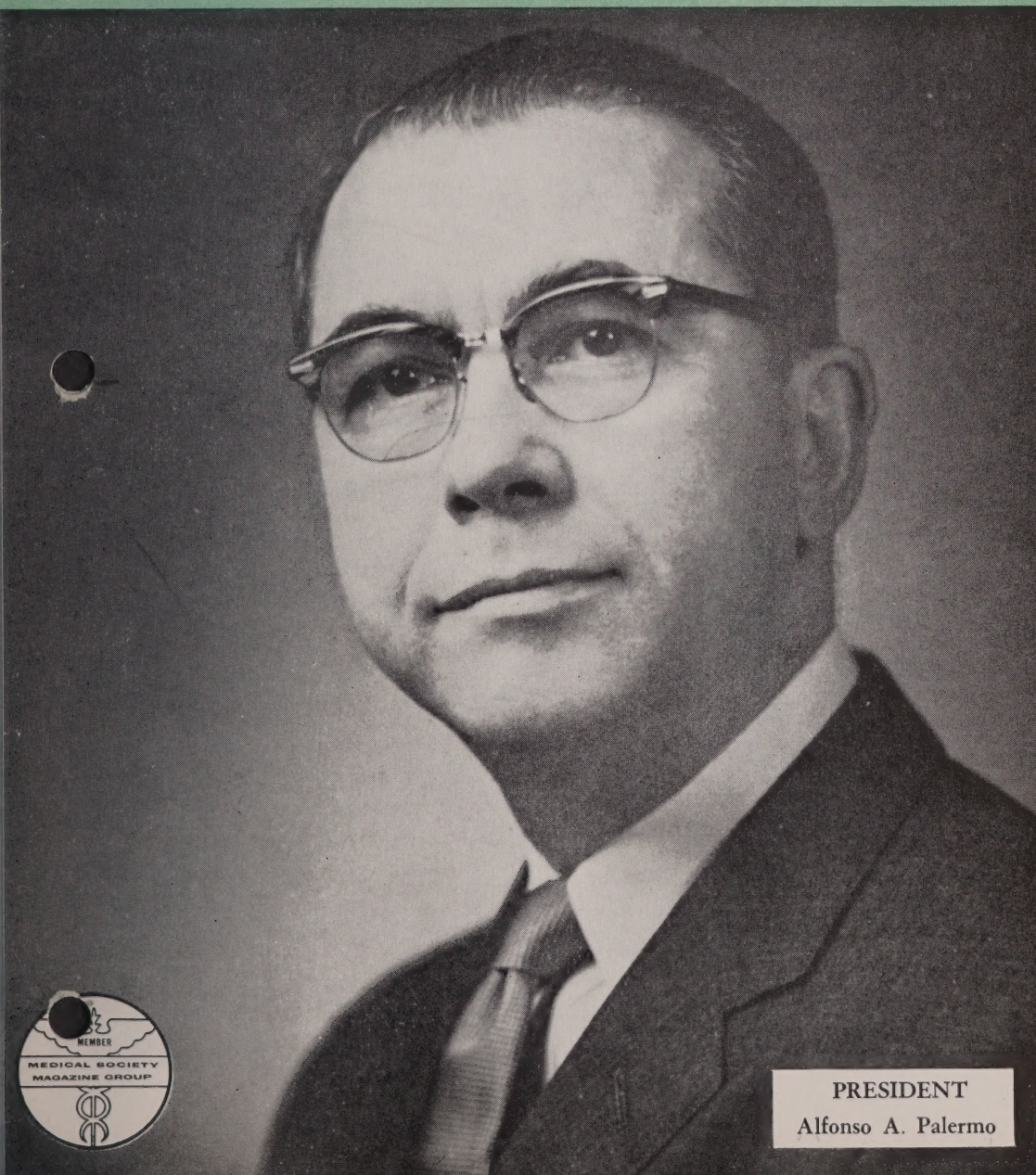

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EDITORIALS

OUR NEW OFFICERS

The slate of officers elected at the recent Annual Meeting demonstrates again the wisdom and good fortune of our District Society. The Nominating Committee, under the chairmanship of Dr. Ambrose J. Connelly, is to be congratulated on a job very well done. Although the elevation of Dr. Alfonso Palermo to the presidency was practically a foregone conclusion, it is comforting nevertheless to have the unequivocal assurance of his leadership during the critical months ahead of us. His "Inaugural Remarks", appearing elsewhere in this issue, bespeak his sincerity and dedication. They also show how firm his grasp is on the problems confronting the practice of medicine in general and our Society in particular.

As to our newly elected vice-president, Dr. Jerome A. Whitney, all we have to do is to look at the record. Always conscientious and industrious, he has served as councilor and as Associate Editor of the Hippocrat, and on numerous committees, notably those of Mental Health and of Rehabilitation. This might be a good time to ponder a change in our by-laws whereby the vice-president would carry also the designation of president-elect. The advantages are obvious, and as far as is known it would not conflict in any way with the by-laws of the Massachusetts Medical Society.

Our new secretary, Dr. Ray T. Smith, has served for two years as Assistant Secretary to Dr. Harry Memery, recently retired. What better preparation can anyone ask for? His is a big job, but from all indications

he will undoubtedly handle the manifold tasks of this office without much difficulty. And finally it is good to know that our finances, meager as they are, will remain under the watchful eye and close guardianship of our veteran Treasurer, Dr. Howard B. Brown.

This fine slate of officers is well deserving of our wholehearted cooperation and support.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Of all the items reaching the editor's desk none are more welcome than the letters addressed to "Dear Hippocrat". The reason is that they portray one of the main purposes of our bulletin, namely to serve as a sounding board and as a medium of expression for the entire membership. It is noteworthy that most of the "Correspondence" published in recent years has proved informative, provocative and at times, alas, quite controversial.

Other forms of communication include the telephone, hospital staff rooms and medical meetings. A frequent comment is "Why doesn't the Hipprocrat publish something on this, that or the other?" Questions of this type usually elicit a reply of: "This sounds very interesting. Why don't you write it up yourself, sign it and mail it in? The Hippocrat will be more than glad to publish it. Please do so soon."

Some of these verbal comments, however, are at times so challenging as to warrant serious consideration. Examples: Why doesn't the Hippocrat write more about ethical problems? What about physician-hospital relationships? Physician-press relationships? Health-care of the aged? Shouldn't we as a District Society, ponder ways of counteracting Forand-type legislation? Why doesn't the Hippocrat do something about television programs that seem to go out of their way to present the doctor in the worst possible light? Etc., etc.

Finally there is the gentle reader who calls to say that he found in the Hippocrat an error in spelling, grammar or punctuation. These are welcome calls, believe it or not. They prove that our bulletin is read by some members, at least. Quite a furor was created recently when directly beneath an undertaker's advertisement we accidently printed a "Patronize Our Advertisers" reminder. But even this was pale by comparison when following a highly salutory editorial on one of our distinguished officers we carried the standard notice absolving the Society of all responsibility for statements appearing in the Hippocrat. An alert Holyoke newspaper spotted it and ribbed us a bit about this totally unintentional incongruity.

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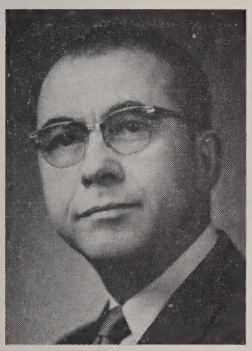
The opinions expressed in The Hippocrat do not necessarily represent the official viewpoint of the Hampden District Medical Society.

President's Page



Inaugural Remarks
(In Absentia)

I want to thank all of you for electing me to the high office of President of the Hampden District Medical Society.

My profound apologies are extended to my fellow members for my absence at the Annual Meeting. This, I assure you, was unavoidable because of a previously scheduled trip to London with the New England Cancer Society. I trust that my absence will not be construed as a lack of interest either in the office to which I was elected or in the problems confronting our Society.

In accepting this office and the great honor that goes with it I pledge my utmost effort. However, since it is results that count I must appeal for your support, your understanding and your cooperation. First of all I must ask that you make every effort to attend meetings; secondly that you study the problems at hand; and thirdly that you express yourself freely. My main job is to carry out your wishes. To do this effectively I must know what is on your mind. We are faced today with many pressing issues and problems. High on the list is the Forand Bill, or any other "Forand" type of legislation. Our membership, as you know, recently expressed itself practically 100% against it. There are several other legislative matters both state and national that should concern us greatly during the coming months. Then there is the problem of The Relative Value System, which was due to come up again at the Annual Meeting. And finally there is the problem of improving relations with labor, with insurance underwriters and with the press—all of which is imperative if we are to remove the unwarranted but rampant criticisms of our profession.

Our's is a great, active and highly respected District Society. We may not be large in numbers but, I understand that we are one of the most looked up to Societies in the M.M.S. I sincerely trust that your confidence in me will be justified. I trust also that I will prove a worthy successor to the many distinguished presidents who preceded me in office.

Alfonso A. Palermo, M. D.

ANNUAL MEETING
MASS. MEDICAL SOCIETY

TIME: May 17, 18 and 19, 1960

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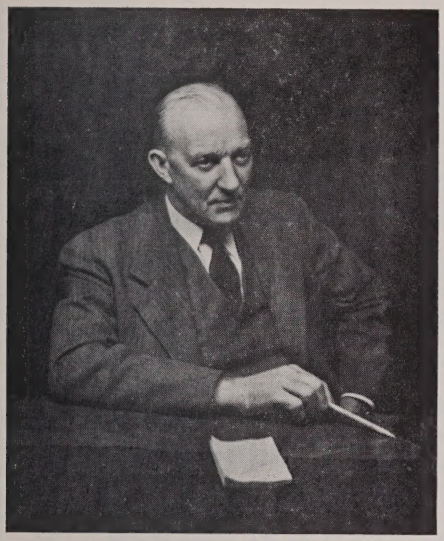
Hampden District's Nomination for the M. M. S. General Practitioner of the Year
SETH A. LEWIS, M. D.

Respectfully submitted,
Ambrose J. Connelly
Chairman

STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Following the 1959 Annual Meeting the Councilors-elect of the District Society elected Dr. Allen S. Johnson a member of the Executive Committee of the State Society. Dr. Robert D. O'Malley, Holyoke, was elected as his alternate. Their term of office extends to 1962.



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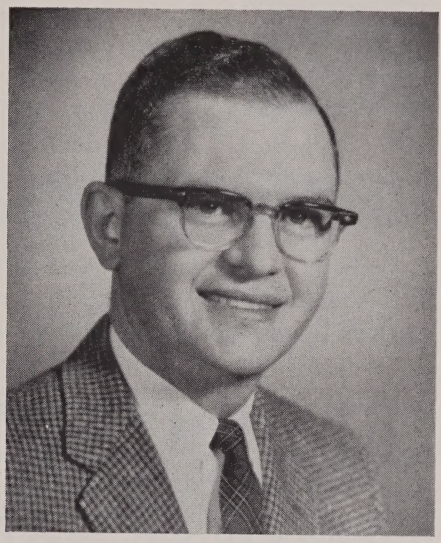

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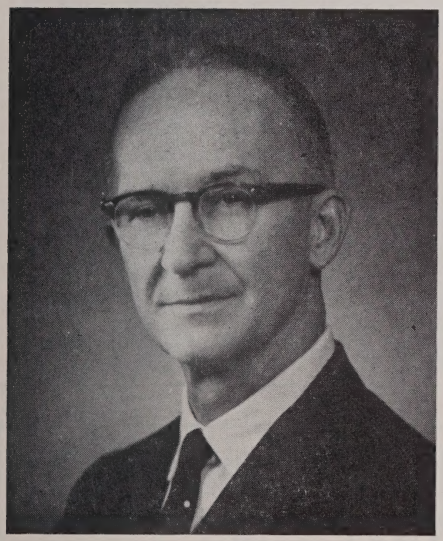

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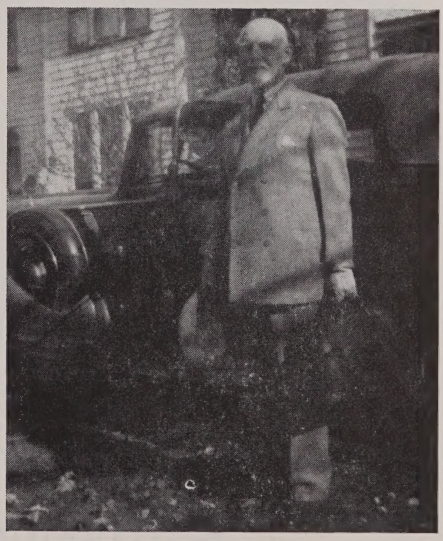

Dr. Seth A. Lewis
Hampden's choice for G. P. of the year

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Below is a summary of the April 12th District Executive Committee meeting:

1. A letter was read from Dr. Wallwork, Secretary of the Board of Registration of Medicine which contained a complete review of a Holyoke physician's problems with becoming a registered physician.
2. A letter from Dr. Buck was read in which objections were made to statements appearing in the February issue of the Hampden Hippocrat on the President's Page.
3. A letter from the Blue Shield Office in Boston was read and discussed. They object to the way an article on Blue Shield was presented in the March issue of the Hippocrat and request that a correction be made in a future issue.
4. At Governor Furculo's request candidates' names for the position of Associate Medical Examiner, Hampden County, Fourth District (Chicopee) were considered and forwarded to his office.
5. The resignation of Dr. Miner as Legislative Councilor was accepted with regret.
6. The Grievance Committee heard a complaint against a physician and it was decided that the matter was not within the jurisdiction of the committee.

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AUXILIARY DOINGS

The Woman's Auxiliary to the Hampden District Medical Society observed Doctor's Day on Wednesday, March 30th by presenting a donation to the American Medical Education Foundation, and also by pinning red carnations on the doctors as they arrived in the local hospitals between the hours of 10 and 11 o'clock on that day. The observance spotlighted the humanitarian services of doctors everywhere.

Hospital Tours

Our Auxiliary is busy sponsoring its annual Come and See tours at the training hospitals in the area. Notices are sent to all school counsellors inviting students interested in any type of health career to spend a day at one of the hospitals where such programs are offered. These tours are planned to acquaint the student with the opportunities and advantages of nursing and other hospital careers. A lunch is served at noon and the tours are conducted with student nurses as guides. Providence Hospital in Holyoke will hold its tour on Saturday, April 23rd; Mercy Hospital in Springfield on Saturady, April 30th; and Holyoke Hospital on Saturday, May 14th.

Posters made by student nurses are displayed on High School bulletin boards prior to each event. These are distributed by members of our Auxiliary. The following members will serve at the three hospitals: Mrs. William Byrnes, Chairman; Mrs. Ellsworth Twible, Co-Chairman, Mercy Hospital tour; Mrs. Karel Suzat, Chairman and Mrs. John J. Driscoll Co-Chairman, Providence Hospital tour; Mrs. Robert D. O'Malley and Mrs. Thomas B. Efford, Holyoke Hospital tour.

Election of Officers

Mrs. Harry A. Baker of Holyoke was elected president of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Hampden District Medical Society at the annual luncheon held Tuesday, April 26, at the Longmeadow Country Club. She succeeds Mrs. Arthur E. Gramse.

Dr. John A. Burke, president of the Hampden District Medical Society, was guest of honor and was seated at the head table with the auxiliary officers and Mrs. Azel T. Barney, state treasurer.

Other officers elected for the 1960-61 season were: president-elect, Mrs. Charles D'Avanzo of Longmeadow; recording secretary, Mrs. Harry Memery of Longmeadow; corresponding secretary, Mrs. John Maloney of Springfield; treasurer, Mrs. Edward F. Caruso of Longmeadow; assistant treasurer, Mrs. Charles Diamond of Longmeadow; directors, Mrs. Stanley R. Dixon, Mrs. Gramse and Mrs. H. E. Gaudreau.

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committee and the state delegate for 1960-61 will be Mrs. Walter S. Mozden and the alternate for the state committee is Mrs. Edwin J. Gillis of Westfield. Other members of the committee are Mrs. George Ross of Holyoke, Mrs. Irving Hoff of Springfield and Mrs. A. A. Bloniarz of Springfield.

The slate was presented by Mrs. Harry Strachan, chairman of the nominating committee. Serving with her were Mrs. Mozden, alternate, and Mrs. Meron Nakashian, Mrs. J. W. Morgan and Mrs. Frank Mills.

Delegates to the state convention in Boston May 17 and 18 will be Mrs. Gramse, Mrs. William J. Devlin, Mrs. Joseph M. Baker, Mrs. Diamond, Mrs. Dixon, Mrs. Leslie Parent, Mrs. Mozden, Mrs. Omar T. Pace, Mrs. E. J. Gillis, Mrs. Henry Burkhardt of South Hadley, Mrs. D'Avanzo, Mrs. Martin F. Gaynor, Mrs. A. A. Palermo, Mrs. Edward F. Caruso, Mrs. Gardner Cox, 2nd, Mrs. J. J. Arenstan of Russell and alternates Mrs. Strachan and Mrs. Memery.

Mrs. Gramse, assisted by Mrs. D'Avanzo, gave a joint report with the assistance of an opaque projector illustrating the events of the year with appropriate pictures. Proceeds of the "White Cap" ball were voted to the scholarship committee which will award 14 nursing scholarships, application for which will close Saturday.

Tribute was paid to the two deceased members of the auxiliary, Mrs. James V. Scola and Mrs. Sylvester E. Ryan.

Mrs. Leonard Jagoda, chairman of decorations, provided each doctor's wife with an attractive nosegay.

The program was arranged by Mrs. Bennett Barton, program chairman.

Mrs. Stanley Dixon
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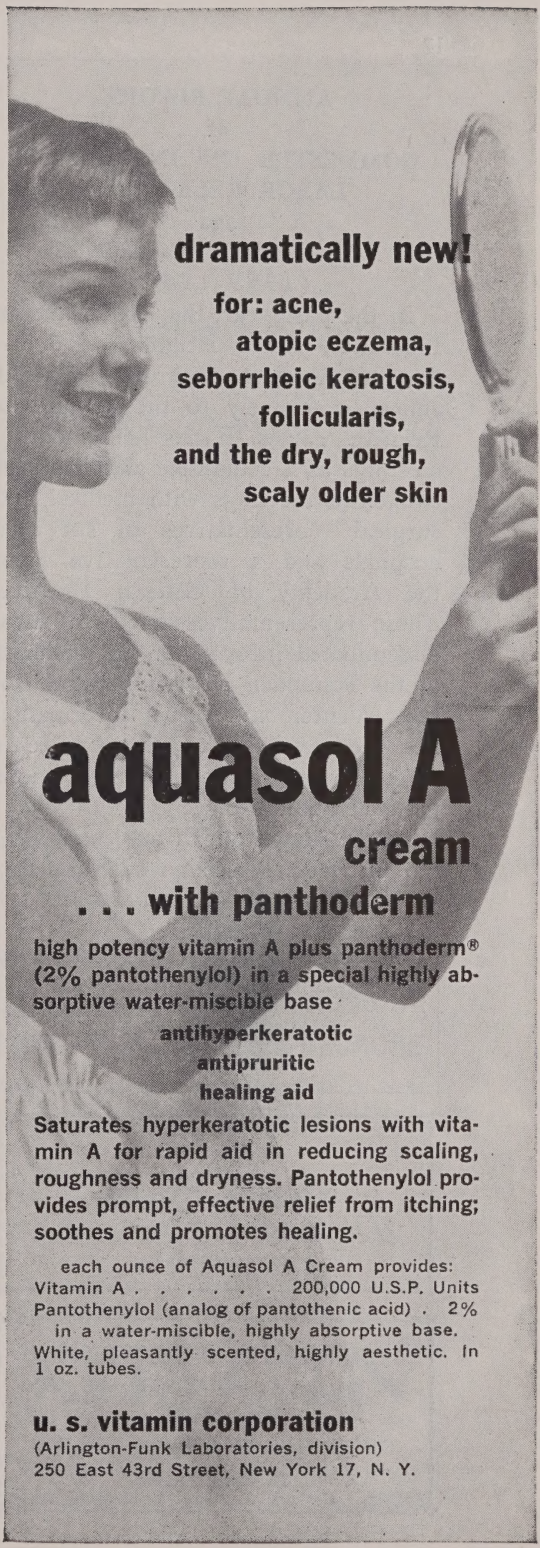
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ANNUAL REPORT of COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE, LABOR RELATIONS and INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS (1959-1960)

In the past year, the Committee on Insurance, Labor Relations, and Industrial Accidents has devoted itself almost exclusively to the subject of Relative Values. It has held monthly meetings as a committee and has held two extra meetings with medical and surgical representatives of six area hospitals and a representative from the Academy of General Practice. These representatives have, in turn, disseminated information to members of the Hampden District Medical Society. Written and verbal information has been available to all members through the Hippocrat and various national publications.

At the suggestion of our committee, our district has recommended the formation of a State committee to study Relative Values. Such a committee has been established. However, we feel that this is not the end of our responsibility and would like to point out that the A.M.A. committee on Medical Practice recommends that Relative Value problems be settled at the District level. Our decisions will not conflict with State Medical Society policy but will tend to reinforce a system if established at the State level.

We would, therefore like to make the following recommendations:

1. That the district favors the principle of a Relative Value System of estimating fees.
2. That a committee be appointed to study and decide on an appropriate Relative Value System for our Society.
3. That the latter committee establish its relative values only after thorough polling of, and instruction from members of the Society.

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COMMITTEE ON STATE LEGISLATION *

This report is informational. Final action to date (March 17) by the State Legislature on bills in which the Society is particularly interested is as follows:

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H. 1946, later H. 2741, now Chapter 177, Acts of 1960: re registration of graduates of foreign medical schools. The act reads as follows:

An applicant who has received from a medical school legally chartered in a sovereign state other than the United States or Canada a degree of doctor of medicine or bachelor of medicine or its equivalent, shall be required to furnish to the board such documentary evidence as the board may require that his education is substantially the equivalent of that of graduates of medical schools in the United States and such other evidence as the board may require as to his qualifications to practice medicine, and shall be required to take a screening examination conducted periodically for such applicants by the National Board of Medical Examiners of the United States at the request of the board, and if the applicant fails to pass such examination, the board shall permit him to take it twice thereafter if necessary. If the National Board of Medical Examiners of the United States will not certify after the third examination that the applicant has successfully passed such axamination, the applicant shall not be permitted to take such axamination again until he has finished an internship or residency for a period of one year in a hospital in the commonwealth approved for such internship or residency by the American Medical Association. If the National Board of Medical Examiners of the United States certifies to the board that the applicant has successfully passed such examination, and if the board shall be satisfied as to his education and his qualifications, then the board shall, upon payment of fifty dollars by the applicant, admit him to the examination for licensure."

H. 1088, now Chapter 188, Acts of 1960, relative to members of the board of registration in medicine. Removes the restriction in the law that "no member of said board shall belong to the faculty of any medical college or university."

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H. 62, now Chapter 48, Acts of 1960. Requires the filing of a fetal certificate for a stillborn child instead of both a birth and death certificate.

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H. 211, now Chapter 69, Acts of 1960. Allows a plaintiff to request a speedy trial of certain actions for malpractice, error or mistake.

* From "Circular of Advance Information for Councilors". (Matters to be considered at the Annual Meeting of the Council, May 16, 1960.)

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H. 2489, relative to the sale, possession and distribution of restricted drugs. This would have severely hampered the physicians' administering and dispensing of drugs, and curtailed hospital pharmacies. (The bill was withdrawn.)

H. 302, requiring that licenses to operate a motor vehicle shall contain the blood type of the licensee.

S. 62, requiring that certain charitable corporations or organizations shall be liable for the tortious acts of their employees.

H. 2117, making artificial insemination of human beings a criminal offense.

H. 406, requiring physicians to notify both parties to an intended marriage in case of evidence of RH-negative blood.

H. 1078, requiring every physician practicing medicine in Massachusetts to register with boards of health for monthly 24-hour public call duty.

H. 1089 and H. 1090, providing that there shall be a doctor in attendance at all times in all hospitals.

H. 1083, requiring chest x-rays for food handlers.

H. 471, restricting the practice of chiropody to the external treatment of the feet.

The Society-sponsored bill (S. 112) to clarify the provisions of the "Harmful Drug Act" as it pertains to physicians administering drugs has been revised and is now S. 498. Passage seems assured. S. 498 provides that the Department of Public Health will enforce provisions of the present law as it pertains to physicians. Under the existing law, the Board of Registration in Pharmacy has been doing the enforcing. A subcommittee of the Committee on State Legislation, and Committee on Pharmaceutical Problems has met with the Commissioner of Public Health to consider proposed rules and regulations for the enforcement of the present law.

Inasmuch as action is pending on several bills, a supplemental report will be presented at the May Council meeting.

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MEDICAL READER

Doctor Shortage?

"Demand has outrun supply (of doctors) and the shortage threatens to grow much more acute in the years immediately ahead." So says Kenneth G. Slocum, writing in *The Wall Street Journal* of April 13, 1960, in which he points out the drought in physicians and the methods needed to attract more medical students.

While the number of physicians holds at one for every seven hundred sixty people, the demands on each physician are expanding very rapidly. The very young and very old people are rapidly increasing in numbers, and it is these groups that require the most medical care. Visits to the doctor average about five times a year now, as compared to two-and a-half times a year three decades ago. Furthermore, since about half of all physicians are specialists, there is an increasing shortage of family doctors, particularly in the small towns.

The number of students applying to medical schools has sagged to the lowest level in twenty years, in spite of the sharp increase in college enrollment, and at the same time, the quality of applicants has also declined. It would seem, therefore, that a program for attracting a greater number of qualified students is urgently needed. Medicine is being suggested as a career to high school students. "We have an undeserved reputation for demanding high grades," comments Dr. Coggeshall of the University of Chicago. "There's plenty of room in medicine for the good average student." To deal with this problem, the State University of Iowa's College of Medicine will initiate a program of visiting colleges in order to attract students to medicine, while similar programs are being carried out by Northwestern University and the University of Illinois.

"Never before in the history of medicine had we ever found it necessary to conduct a program to attract students," says Dr. Darley of the Association of American Medical Colleges, "but it is necessary now." A booklet, *Medicine As A Career,* is being published by the A. M. A. and the Association of American Medical Colleges, the first such circular ever published by the two organizations. The two groups also prepared a thirty-minute color motion picture, entitled, "I Am A Doctor", for loan to high schools.

The competition for good students from other more glamorous fields, such as nuclear science, electronics, and missiles, is one of the reasons for the doctor shortage, especially when these competing fields are extremely well paid. Furthermore, more scholarship grants and part-time jobs attract many students to these fields. Scholarships available in colleges are not always available to medical students.

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To deal with these problems, a plan to create fifty medical school scholarships will be considered this June by the A. M. A. House of Delegates, while at the same time, medical schools are trying to increase student aid.

Representative John E. Fogarty of R. I. has introduced a bill in the House of Representatives providing for $5,000,000 for the fiscal year starting July 1st, and $10,000,000 annually for nine subsequent years for tuition and subsistence of students in medicine, osteopathy, and dentistry. Matching funds by the states where the schools are located is a requirement.

Medicine is an expensive course, requiring $11,600 for four years of medical school. The training of a general practitioner requires about nine years on the average, while the average pediatrician has eleven years' training, and a general surgeon requires thirteen years' training. In contrast, the average Ph.D. in chemistry, engineering, mathematics, and physics is about 7.5 years, according to Dean Prior of Northwestern University.

Shortening the medical training period from eight to six years is also being initiated by Northwestern University in 1961 as another method of attacking this problem. "The inordinate length and cost of preparing for a career in medicine has had a storng effect on the choice of careers of these students," notes Dr. Cooper, Associate Dean. Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine is also using a similar plan of shortening the medical training period, according to *The Wall Street Journal.*

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The M.M.S. and Blue Shield

Dear Hippocrat:

Thank you for publishing my letter of December 29th to Dr. M. Gene Black. However in the last issue of the Hippocrat other erroneous impressions have been committed.

On page 19 you published the P.S. which was a part of my letter to Dr. Black.

This P.S. referred to a chart which I sent to Dr. Black showing the relationship between the Massachusetts Medical Society and Blue Shield. I asked Dr. Black if this chart could be published in the Hippocrat as a means of informing physicians concerning some of these relationships.

On page 19 you have published a chart directly beneath this P.S., the implication being this is the chart I forwarded to Dr. Black. Such is not the case and Blue Shield strenuously objects to the fact that it has been made to appear that this is the chart referred to in my letter to Dr. Black.

The published chart contains at least the following errors.

"Dr. Hayden is a member of the Central Professional Service Committee." Dr. Hayden is not a member of the Central Professional Service Committee.

"Physicians on Blue Shield Board of Directors appointed by President, Massachusetts Medical Society." The physicians on the Blue Shield Board of Directors are not appointed by the President of The Massachusetts Medical Society. Blue Shield Board Members, including physician members, are recommended by a committee of The Massachusetts Medical Society and elected by the Voting Members.

I am enclosing a true copy of the chart I sent to Dr. Black.

"Function of the Central Professional Service Committee is the determination of income levels." The Central Professional Service Committee does not have final determination of Blue Shield incmoe levels. (See By-Laws).

The unsigned editorial states, "Although some oldsters work beyond the age of 65 and have some savings, a pension, or a family to care for them, the majority do not. Some may be fortunate enough to have Blue Cross and/or Blue Shield, which was contracted during employment and converted to an individual contract upon retirement. However, many have not obtained individual insurance before 65 and lost commercial group coverage upon retirement at 65. Moreover, the 'Blue Plans' will not accept the latter."

The statement, "Moreover, the 'Blue Plans' will not accept the latter," is false.

I am enclosing a reprint of an advertisement which has appeared in all the leading daily newspapers in Massachusetts including the Springfield newspapers. Blue Cross and Blue Shield have enrolled thousands of persons age 65.

Dr. Hayden was disappointed to learn that you have not published a correction to a statement which has appeared twice in the Hippocrat to the effect that the Massachusetts Leg-

islature was responsible for the change in the Blue Shield income levels.

We ask the question: Why must physicians and the lay public be misinformed, when the facts are so readily available.

Cordially,
L. T. Reed
Assistant Executive Director
Massachusetts Medical Service

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HIGHLIGHTS OF ANNUAL MEETING

(April 26, 1960)

Meeting is held at Old Storrowton . . . 217 are in attendance against 255 reservations . . . Following a roast beef dinner meeting is called to order by President Burke at 8:20 P. M. . . .

Treasurer Brown's Annual Report (audited by Dr. Smead), with recommendation that dues remain at $15.00, is approved . . . Pres. Burke calls for a moment of silence in memory of Fellows who died during past year . . . Two amendments as published in April issue of Hippocrat are adopted . . .

Dr. Platt in reporting for Committee on Insurance, Labor Relations and Industrial Accidents proposes 3 recommendations with reference to The Relative Value System (page 12), which are approved . . . Other chairmen reporting are: Dr. Leani for Woman's Auxiliary Committee; Dr. Black for Blue Shield District Professional Service Committee, Dr. Miner for the Legislative Committee, and Dr. Connelly for Nominating Committee . . . Entire slate is approved unanimously. (Page 6)

Before adjournment Pres. Burke explains that because of President-elect Dr. Palermo's absence there will be no acceptance speech. . . . *

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* For Dr. Palermo's Inaugural Remarks (in absentia) see Page 3.

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COUNCIL MEETING (Boston) MAY 16

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AMERICAN SOCIETY OF INTERNAL MEDICINE, JUNE 12, MIAMI, FLA.

A. M. A. ANNUAL MEETING, JUNE 13 - 17, 1960, MIAMI BEACH, FLA.

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Rows of seats in the rear of the hall will be reserved for Society members who would like to see their Council in action.

Women tend to have more operations than men. Some 46 operations per 1,000 women are recorded annually in short term hospitals, exclusive of deliveries. The rate of men's operations is 38 per 1,000. By far the commonest type of operation is the tonsillectomy and/or adenoidectomy, of which 16 for every 1,000 persons were performed in 1957-58. Next are appendectomies, with 6 operations for every 1,000 persons performed during the same period.

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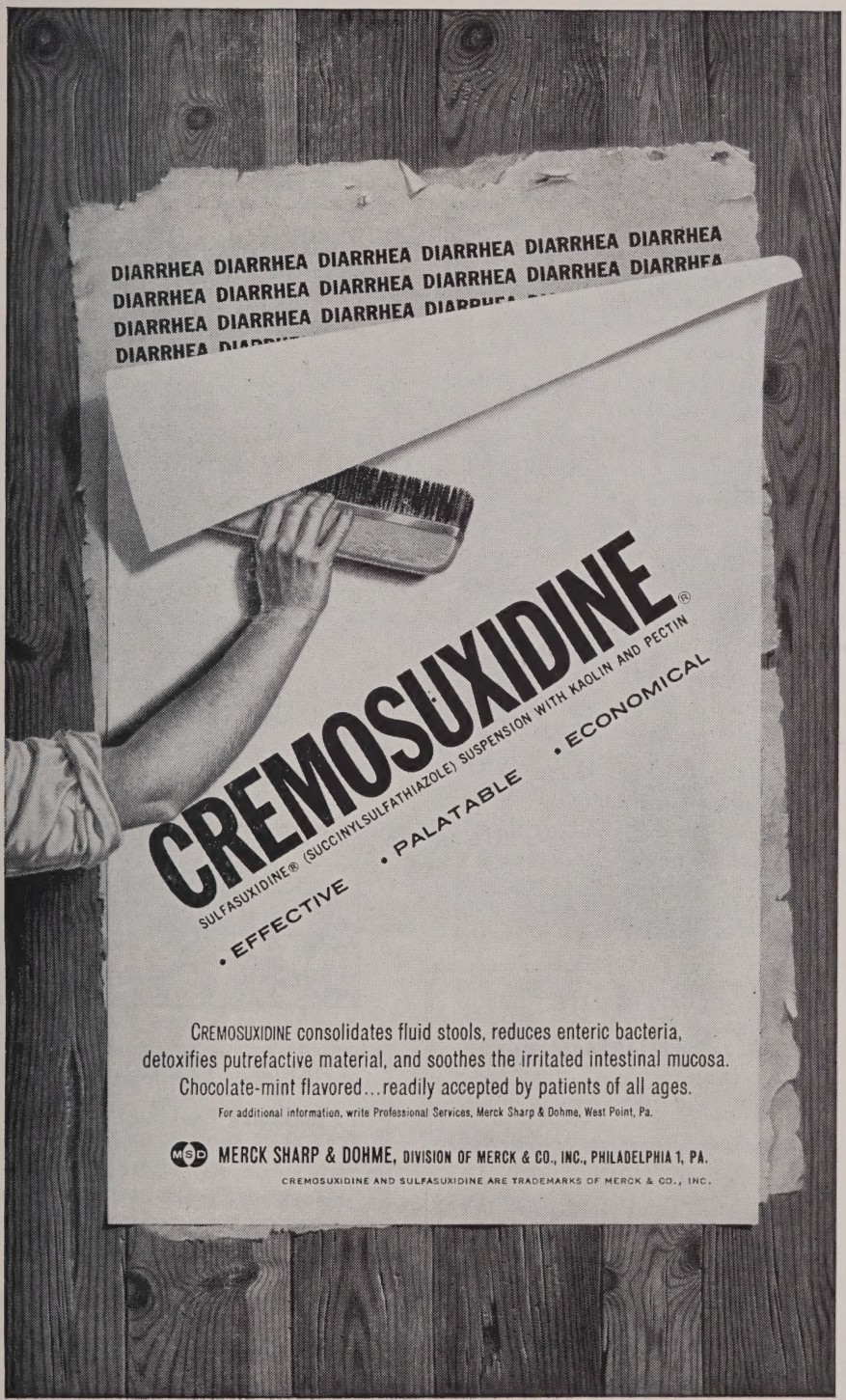
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FIRST MEETING OF M.A.M.A.

The first meeting of the Massachusetts Association of Medical Assistants was held at the M.M.S. headquarters on Wednesday, April 27. This was preceded by a meeting of the Medical Advisory Board, the chairman of which is Philip S. Butler, M.D. of Worcester.

The Massachusetts Association of Medical Assistants is organized as a component of the American Association of Medical Assistants. This is a non-profit, educational a s s o c i a tion n o n - p r o f i t, aducational association whose members work in doctors' offices or hospitals. One of its main objectives is "To strive at all times to cooperate with the medical profession in improving public relations". It is not limited to nurses. Physicians are urged to recommend membership in this association as being beneficial not only to employer and employee but also to the health of the public.

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